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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY

1. BEGIN SUMMARY - AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA PAID A COURTESY
CALL ON ARA DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCNEIL ON JANUARY 26,
AT WHICH TIME THEY DISCUSSED SEVERAL ITEMS OF SUBSTANCE,
INCLUDING PERU-ECUADOR BORDER INCIDENTS, THE TEXT FOR A
U.S.- PERUVIAN SUPPLEMENT TO A QUADRILATERAL NUCLEAR ENERGY
AGREEMENT, THE ARREST IN THE U.S. OF A PERUVIAN NATIONAL
BEARING THE PRESIDENT'S SURNAME, AND THE BEAGLE CANAL DIS-
PUTE. DESK OFFICER KEMP AND PERUVIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR
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URTEAGA WERE PRESENT. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER A SHORT DISCUSSION OF THE POLITICAL SCENE IN PERU,
DURING WHICH AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA NOTED THAT THERE
ARE TWO OR THREE IMPORTANT POLITICAL FORCES IN THE COUNTRY
(NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED) WHICH WILL COME TO THE FORE
DURING THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY PROCESS AND CLARIFY THE

SITUATION, HE BROUGHT UP FOUR ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT.

3. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED MR. MCNEIL THAT THE PROBLEM OF RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS WITH ECUADOR HAS BEEN OVERCOME THROUGH THE MEETING OF THE ARMY CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THAT PERU BELIEVED THAT THE UNITED STATES, AS ONE OF THE GUARANTORS OF THE RIO AGREEMENT OF 1942, SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED. MCNEIL NOTED THAT THE USG HAD BEEN CONCERNED OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS UNTIL IT SAW THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES HAD ACTED WITH FOREBEARANCE AND A DESIRE FOR ACCOMMODATION. HE ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR REACHING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY PERMANENT BORDER SOLUTION, AND THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT PERU WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK SUCH AGREEMENT, INSISTING, HOWEVER, THAT ITS RIGHTS BE RESPECTED.

4. AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA EXPRESSED HIS GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE U.S. DRAFT TEXT OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE BEING PREPARED TO SUPPLEMENT THE QUADRILATERAL NUCLEAR-ENERGY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S., PERU, ARGENTINA AND THE IAEA PRESENTLY BEING NEGOTIATED IN VIENNA. PERU, HE STATED, FINDS THE TERMS VERY DEMANDING AND THE TEXT EXCESSIVE IN VIEW OF THE SMALL SIZE OF THE PROGRAM AND ITS EXPERIMENTAL CHARACTER, AND REQUESTED MCNEIL TO INTERVENE IN FAVOR OF ITS REVISION. MCNEIL NOTED HE HAD NOT SEEN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEXT BUT THAT IT EVOLVED FROM U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY (AS WELL AS NEW REQUIREMENTS IN LEGISLATION NOW BEFORE THE SENATE), RATHER THAN FROM ANY DOUBT ABOUT PERUVIAN WILLINGNESS TO COMPLY WITH OUR NUCLEAR GUIDELINES. HE MADE NO PROMISES, BUT DID AGREE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

5. THE AMBASSADOR NEXT BROUGHT UP THE MATTER OF OLGA MORALES BERMUDEZ DE REYNA, THE PERUVIAN WOMAN RECENTLY ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES ON A DRUG CHARGE, WHO BEARS THE SAME FAMILY NAME AS PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ AND CLAIMS TO BE HIS NIECE. HE SAID REPORTING ON THIS CASE IN THE AMERICAN PRESS (WHICH TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT BEEN EXTENSIVE) HAS BOTHERED THE PRESIDENT SINCE THE WOMAN IS IN FACT NO RELATION TO HIM. THE AMBASSADOR ACCEPTED MCNEIL'S ADVICE THAT LETTERS BE SENT TO THE NEWSPAPERS SO STATING FOR THE RECORD.

6. AMBASSADOR GARCIA BEDOYA LASTLY RAISED THE SUBJECT OF CHILEAN-ARGENTINE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BEAGLE CANAL QUESTION, EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT THE SITUATION APPEARS CALMER AT PRESENT AND HOPING THAT THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED POSTPONEMENT OF THE SECOND ROUND OF PINOCHET-VIDELA TALKS

WOULD BE OF SHORT DURATION. MCNEIL OBSERVED THAT BOTH
SIDES SEEM TO WANT THE TALKS TO CONTINUE. HE NOTED THAT
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SALVADOREAN-HONDURAN HOSTILITIES
IN 1969, THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAS BEEN FREE OF WAR FOR
THIRTY YEARS - THE ONLY REGION ABLE TO MAKE SUCH A CLAIM.
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